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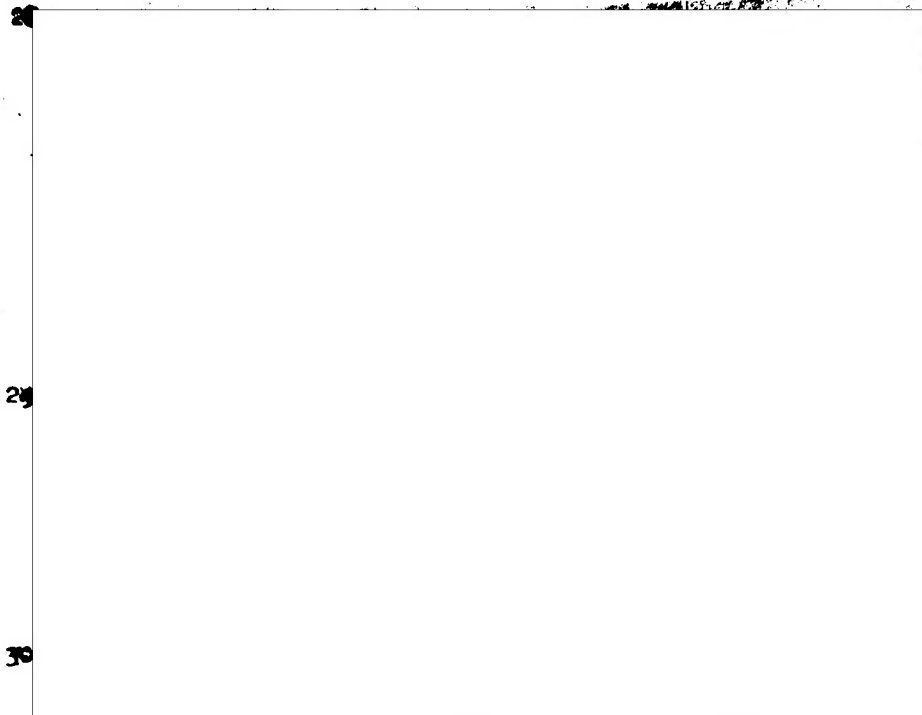
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AIRFIELD



the town of Khaskovo and, on the other side of the highway, there was a barracks which had many garages for automobiles and trucks. many of these trucks, Molotovs, Zis, Opel Blitz, and some large Tatrass, went in and out of the barracks. Beside these barracks, there was a tank barracks two T-34 type tanks coming out of this place; also, there was a sentry in front of this barrack. On the highway-side of this barracks, there was a high wall which looked like the back of a garage; this was about 200 meters long and was guarded day and night, and was illuminated at night.

RADAR

31. in the center of Plovdiv, on the "Sakhat Tepe" hill, there was a radar station. this site was very strictly guarded, especially at night.

32. Near the town, about three to four kilometers to the east, there was a civilian airfield.

CIVILIAN AIRFIELD

33. Along the road to Asenovgrad, southeast of Plovdiv and about four or five kilometers from Asenovgrad, there was the Krumovo Airfield single-engine military planes;

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[redacted] these planes were called "Shturmoviks" [redacted]  
Just outside the city, the Rodope Mountain range begins.

JET  
PLANES

34. To the west or northwest of Plovdiv, there was another airfield, called "Filipovo", [redacted] it had an asphalt or cement runway and a shelter for jet planes. Jet planes are often observed flying over the city. [redacted]

35. [redacted] the town of Yambol. About seven or eight kilometers south of Yambol, Bezmer Airfield which had a cement runway but practically no hangars. At that time, there were about 60 to 70 jet planes [redacted] one difference among these planes, i.e., that some had their wings perpendicular to the plane's body while others were at an angle. Most of these planes were identical.

TRAINING  
AIRFIELD

PARACHUTISTS  
SOVIET PILOTS

36. About three kilometers west of Yambol, there was another training airfield. From this airfield, [redacted] two-winged [redacted] training planes flying. Two or three times, [redacted] parachutists jumping from 3-motor Junkers. Several times in the city, [redacted] Soviet pilots.

GASOLINE  
STORAGE

37. There were gasoline tanks with a capacity of two million liters next to the cold storage installation. These tanks lay in deep cemented holes which were 15 to 20 cm. on the sides; the tops were fortified with cement, covered with earth, and were equipped with pumping stations. The cisterns were made of welded sheet iron and were 5 mm. thick. There were also two or three buildings there for future storage. At the time [redacted] they were not completed but were being worked on by the mechanics from Promontash. These tanks were about two kilometers west of Yambol. [redacted]

AIRFIELD

38. [redacted] On Telish Mountain, in northern Bulgaria, there was an airfield which extended to the edge of the forest but high buildings and hangars concealed the airfield from view. [redacted]

TRAINING  
AIRFIELD

39. Near Pleven, in the village of Delna Nitropoliya, there was a training airfield [redacted] parachute jumps being made.

CISTERNS

40. Near the town of Pleven, at the "Lev" Cement Factory, there were cisterns for liquid fuel. [redacted]

BARRACKS

41. In Pleven, there were barracks, some of which were those for the 6th Labor Colonel troops. These barracks were located on one side of Grenaderska Street. [redacted]

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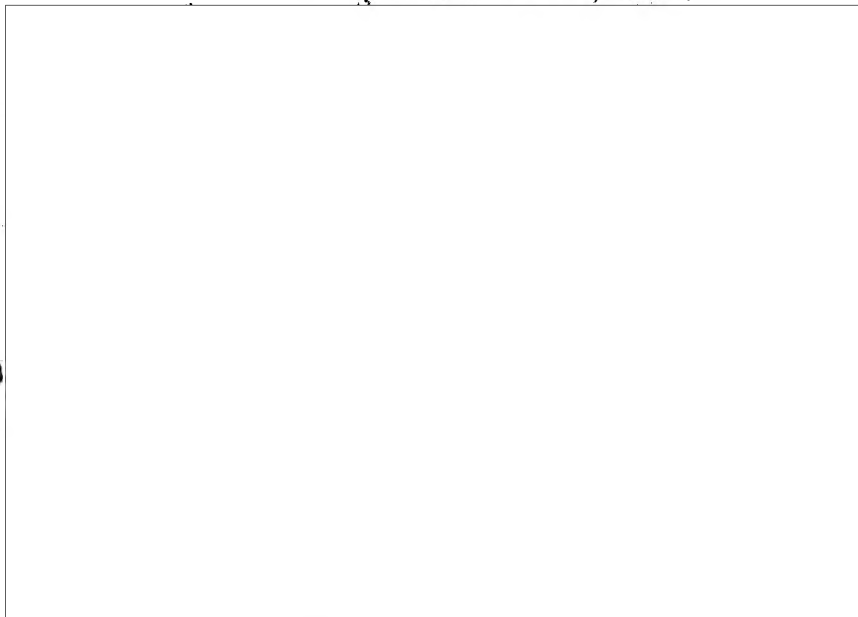
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AIRFIELD  
NEAR  
TOLBUKHIN

44. [redacted] a large airfield about 2½ km. north of Tolbukhin (formerly Sudzhik). This airfield had cement runways on which there were jet planes. [redacted] flying over the city; they appeared to be some kind of fighter plane (istrebitel). This airfield near Tolbukhin was surrounded with barbed wire and was very strictly guarded; an individual was not even allowed to look at it.

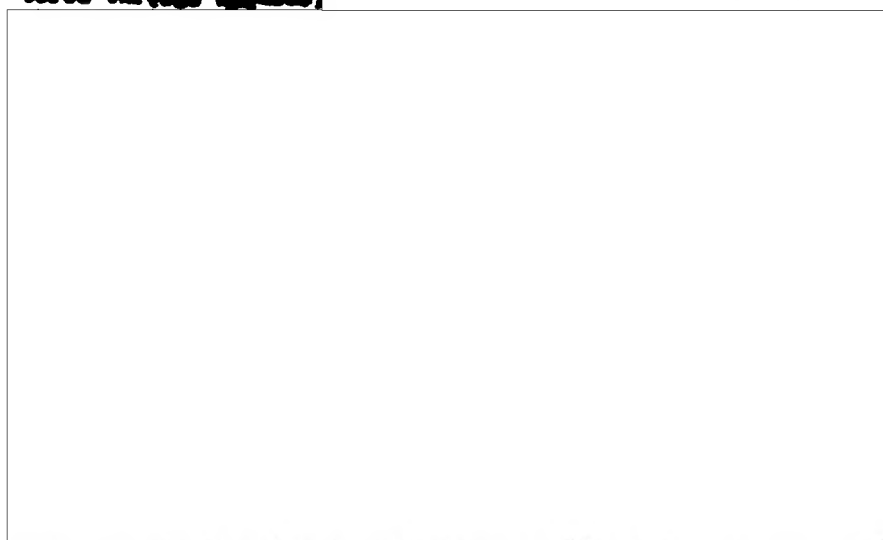
STORAGE  
TANKS

45. On the other side of the railroad tracks, which passed the above airfield, there were reservoirs or tanks for liquid fuel which were deep in the earth and which had to be entered through tunnels; [redacted]

RAILROAD

46. [redacted]

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ARCHIVES OF  
ARMYINFANTRY  
BARRACKS

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ANTI-AIRCRAFT  
BATTERY

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OIL  
PIPELINE

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TORPEDO  
BOAT BASERADAR

an infantry barracks there and also  
the central archives for the Bulgarian Army.

In Burgas, as in Tolbukhin, the cold storage  
installation which had been sent there from Hungary. It was  
located two kilometers south of the center of the city,  
about 200 m. from the seashore. Between the cold storage  
installation and the sea, on the seashore, there was an anti-  
aircraft battery which consisted of four anti-aircraft guns  
surrounded with land.

the air-  
field was located about seven or eight kilometers north of  
Burgas. the airfield at Stalin (for-  
merly Varna) which was located about seven or eight kilo-  
meters west of the town. the air-  
field at Gorna Orekhovitsa which was located about two or  
three kilometers southeast of the town.

there was a torpedo boat base. On  
eight torpedo boats at that base. On  
the northern side of the port, between the breakwater and  
the beach, apparatus for recording airplane sounds,  
possibly radar.

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53. The harbor of Burgas is about nine meters deep, according to the local inhabitants. [redacted] no large navy vessels there but, occasionally, some foreign ships, such as Soviet, [redacted] they were [redacted]

DEPOTS OF 54. [redacted]  
STATE  
RESERVES

BARRACKS

SIGNAL UNIT

LIQUID FUEL  
RESERVOIRS

[redacted] three of five depots of state reserves (UDSR). In these depots, there were all kinds of textiles, among them military material such as underwear, shirts, etc., and electrical conductors and bulbs. These depot buildings were located three kilometers east of Sliven. East of the town and a little to the north of the depot, there was a signal or communications unit and barracks with garages for trucks. About three kilometers southeast of town, there were large reservoirs for liquid fuel [redacted]  
A base of Prokhorovsk was also located there [redacted]

[redacted] One was reached through tunnels which were 100 to 120 m. long, 1.80 m. high, and 1.60 m. wide. The reservoirs were cylindrical in shape, with a diameter of 10 m. and 12 to 13 m. high. On the other side of the reservoir, the tunnel continued for 20 to 25 m. to a new reservoir of the same dimensions. The reservoirs were surrounded by a concrete wall but the reservoirs, themselves, were made of 5 mm. thick iron plate which had been welded (zavarka). There were six such tunnels, or "vri" (name) as they were called, and there were 12 reservoirs. All of these things were buried deep in the hill. This area was surrounded by a barbed-wire fence and a rail track led into it. There were also several warehouses in the area but the place was not guarded [redacted]

AIRFIELD 55. [redacted]

[redacted] there was an airfield east of the town [redacted]  
[redacted] some planes flying [redacted]

URANIUM 56. [redacted]

North of the town on a high hill called "Simi Kamuni" (Blue Rock), [redacted] uranium ore was being mined. In the daytime, one could see the openings of three tunnels and, at night, one could see light near them. [redacted]  
[redacted] the hill was very strictly guarded. [redacted]  
[redacted] any other places where uranium was mined in Bulgaria aside from this place and in the village of Bakhovo.

SOVIET 57. [redacted]  
PROTECTORS

In Sliven, [redacted] Soviet [redacted] in civilian clothing [redacted]  
[redacted] [redacted] were [redacted]

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**PARTY HOME**

the installation of two Kirov-type passenger elevators. In the Party Home, the rooms and corridors which were occupied by the Council of Ministers were carefully cleaned and strictly guarded by both uniformed and civilian persons from the State Security.

## BARRACKS

a. One of the barracks contained an armored regiment whose T-34-type tanks [redacted] there were also other tanks of about [redacted] size. [redacted] barrack was located east of Sofia on rearigradskoe Shosse, one kilometer from Orlov Bridge.

b. Four kilometers east of the town, there were artillery barracks in large four-story buildings which could easily hold two or three thousand persons.

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61. About eight or nine kilometers east of the town, there was a civilian airfield with cement runways; this airfield was called "Vranchitsa". "Boshurishte" airfield had jet planes [redacted] jet planes over Sofia and also at the military parade at the 9 September celebrations in 1955. There were many jet fighters in the air and, among them, [redacted] two-motor jet plane which was probably a bomber. [redacted] Boshurishte airfield was probably located 10 to 15 kms. northwest of Sofia.

BARRACKS

62. In Sofia, the 6th Infantry Regiment was located on Patriarkh Evtimii. About 3 kms. southwest of the center of town, there were the barracks of the so-called internal troops (Vutreshni Voyaki). Judging from their size, these barracks could accommodate from 1,000 to 1,500 persons. The barracks of the Reserve Officers School were located above Gorna Banya and were visible from a great distance; judging by their size, they probably contained about 1,000 persons.

MILITARY SCHOOL

63. Almost in the center of Sofia, there was a military school which occupied a large area [redacted]

ANTI-AIRCRAFT BATTERY

64. East of Sofia, in the so-called "slatiniski redut" area, there was an anti-aircraft battery [redacted] seven to eight anti-aircraft guns. [redacted]

MILITARY PIONEER SCHOOL AND BARRACKS

[redacted] there was a military pioneer school in the town of Svishtov [redacted] a large pioneer barracks had been constructed in the village of Belene. [redacted] there was an airfield at Kazanluk [redacted]

AIRFIELDSHORE BATTERIES

65. [redacted] near the village of Sveti Nikola on the Black Sea, [redacted] shore batteries [redacted] About one kilometer north of the village on the peninsula, [redacted] six large guns on special cement platforms which were covered with domes of interwoven wire with camouflage. The guns were movable and could be moved to the sides and upward; they had a diameter of about 250 mm. In the same rayon, [redacted] three or four other smaller guns on rubber wheels; these were new and were Soviet-made. [redacted] they had a diameter of 70 to 80 mm. In the same rayon, there were barracks with a capacity of 100 to 120 men.

BARRACKS

66. In the rayon of Atia, that was also a small peninsula, [redacted] a battery of three guns which were 250 mm in diameter.

SECRET EXPLOSIONS

67. [redacted] section of the Stalin Chemical Combine in Dimitrograd carried out explosions under greatest secrecy. [redacted]

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69. [redacted]

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